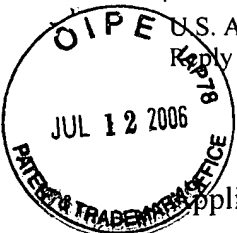


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U.S. Application No. 09/473,016
Reply to Office Action dated June 1, 2006

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450100-02165

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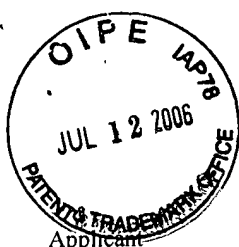
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of June 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	9	Minus	= 20	0 ×	\$50(25)	= \$00.00
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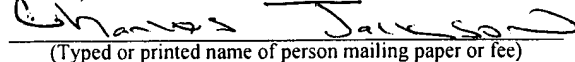
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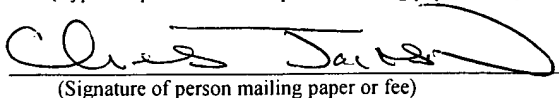
- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290(145) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a -month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims; ☐ petition for extension of time.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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